

SCHEDULE TO ADDRESS KEY BDCP ELEMENTS FOR SUMMER ANNOUNCEMENT

This document sets out a proposed process and schedule to address identified key BDCP elements to be included in a July announcement of BDCP key elements. The schedule is based on an expectation that the elements of the proposal should be identified (and agreed on) by the state and federal agencies no later than mid-May, so that issues can be vetted with stakeholders and put in appropriate form for a July announcement. The process includes three levels of federal-state interaction – the newly created Interagency Management Team (IMT), the State/Federal Interagency Principals (Regional Principals), and the State/Federal Video Principals (Video Principals). This document addresses only state-federal interactions. It is assumed, however, that many and frequent interactions with stakeholders will also take place as this process goes forward. Timing and priorities reflect the ripeness of an issue for discussion/resolution, the amount of time needed to address each issue at the various levels, and the importance of earlier rather than later resolution.

The IMT will identify potential approaches to resolve issues and/or elevate issues for resolution, and will report to Regional Principals at bi-weekly (or as needed weekly) meetings. Following their consideration of the issues, the Regional Principals will bring issues to the Video Principals for policy direction, issue resolution, and/or ratification of recommendations. The schedule contemplates more than one meeting at each level to address each issue.

Individual Species Approach:

After reviewing Net Effects and other key section of EA, focus on ways to assure that the plan will be able to meet regulatory standards for individual species. Examine water operations, habitat restoration, and other stressor measures, adaptive management, metrics/monitoring, and biological G&Os. It is anticipated that two 2-3 day workshops will be scheduled with Video Principals in late April and mid-May to determine a package of adjustments to multiple conservation measures to meet individual species needs and serve as a basis for refinements to Preliminary Proposal.

Key Milestones:

- Mid March –Comprehensive list of shortcomings.
- April 16-20– Video Principals to convene a 2-3 day workshop to consider adjustments in the conservation measures to assure regulatory standards for individual species are met.
- May - Revised proposed project developed. Determine Impacts to schedule.
- May 30 – DWR's proposed HCP/NCCP, fishery agencies agreement that proposal can go forward as a draft

Key Elements to be Addressed:

1. Biological Goals and Objectives (BGO)¹

¹ This refers to the substance of the BGOs. The guidance document for the BGOs has been completed.

2. Conveyance

- a. Capacity
- b. Phasing
- c. Alignment

3. Operational Criteria

- a. Initial Operational Criteria
- b. Adaptive Range (will include elements of adaptive management)

4. Habitat Restoration

- a. Changes in locations/types
- b. Funding²

5. Financing³

- a. Conveyance
- b. Plan Implementation

6. Governance (Potential)

Preliminary Schedule:

BGOs –

IMT: Already begun - March 13
Regional Principals: March 14 -21
Video Principals: March 21 – 28

Conveyance (all aspects) –

IMT: February 28 – March 20
Regional Principals: March 21-April 4
Video Principals: April 4 – April 18

Operational Criteria (Initial and Adaptive Range – may be separated as issue is addressed)

IMT: March 13 – April 3
Regional Principals: April 4 – April 18
Video Principals: April 18 - May 9

Habitat Restoration (does not include funding)

IMT: March 20 – April 10
Regional Principals: April 11 -25
Video Principals: April 25 – May 2

Governance (needs to be addressed even if not included in July announcement)

IMT: March 13 – April 3
Regional Principals: April 4 – April 25
Video Principals: April 25 – May 2

² IMT process will not address funding for habitat restoration. Venue to address that issue needs to be identified.

³ IMT process will not address financing. Venue to address that issue needs to be identified.

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